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SUBJECT: GREEK MINISTERS INQUIRY REGARDING ROME TALKS

1. GREEK MINISTER NOMIKOS CALLED ON LAINGEN MAY 18 ON INSTRUCTIONS TO EXPRESS CONCERN OF GOG THAT TURKS TAKING INTRANSIGENT POSITION AT OUTSET OF ROME TALKS AND THAT GREEK REFUSAL TO CONCEDE TO TURK POSITION MIGHT THEN BE USED BY TURKS AS PRETEXT FOR MILITARY MOVE OF SOME KIND.

2. ON ROME TALKS NOMIKOS SAID THAT TURKS ARE INSISTING ON DISCUSSING SUBSTANCE OF CONTINENTAL ISSUE RATHER THAN PREVIOUSLY AGREED FOCUS ON TERMS OF REFERRAL TO ICJ; AND B/TAKING POSITION ON CYPRUS THAT ANY SOLUTION MUST BE BASED ON PRESENT TURK TERRITORIAL HOLDINGS. AT SAME

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TIME GOG HAS INFORMATION THAT TURKS MAY BE CONSIDERING

SOME MILITARY ACTION, WHICH IF TRUE MIGHT BE TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH BREAKDOWN IN ROME. NOMIKOS ASKED WHAT WE KNEW.

3. LAINGEN SAID WE HAD NO REPORTS OF TURK MILITARY MOVEMENTS OF ANY KIND THAT WOULD GIVE RISE TO CONCERN, THOUGH THIS WAS SEASON WHEN CERTAIN MILITARY EXERCISES NORMALLY TAKE PLACE. ALSO SAID THAT WITH TURKISH AID EMBARGO IN SENATE TOMORROW AND CENTO MEETINGS LATER IN WEEK IN ANKARA ACTIONS OF THIS KIND BY TURKS WOULD BE UNLIKELY. LAINGEN SAID HE HAD SEEN NO REPORT ON ROME TALKS AS YET, WHICH WE ALWAYS ASSUMED WOULD BE DIFFICULT BUT WHICH WE HOPED WERE START OF NEGOTIATING PROCESS AND CONTACT WHICH WE WOULD CONTINUE TO DO ALL WE COULD TO ENCOURAGE.

4. DEPT ASSUMES THERE IS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF THEATRE INVOLVED IN THIS BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING ACTION ADDRESSEES MIGHT KNOW. ROBINSON

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